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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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To: Assistant Director for Research and Reports

Date: 8 April 1952

From: [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

Subject: Progress Report on ORR Field Team

25X1A6a 1. During the month of March, I have devoted a substantial amount of my time to working with [REDACTED]. Work with [REDACTED] has occupied a secondary role, 25X1A6a but I have felt that [REDACTED] is getting pretty good guidance from Washington in 25X1A6a the form of requirements and evaluations and that [REDACTED] interrogators are showing increasing competence in economic intelligence collection. [REDACTED] 25X1A6a on the other hand, badly needs guidance, of which they receive very little from Washington. [REDACTED] officials have been most helpful and encouraging to me in my projects outside [REDACTED] even though these activities are of no direct benefit to [REDACTED]

2. I have been most gratified with the fine support received from ORR during the past month. The prompt answers to my requests and suggestions have enabled me to carry out my work much more effectively. I now have so many irons in the fire that I am finding it difficult to reciprocate with equal promptness.

25X1A9a 3. [REDACTED] was a great help during her two weeks of TDY in [REDACTED]. She found little in her own field to make her visit worthwhile, but she materially benefitted other branches of ORR by her work on requirements and reports. Much of this work she accomplished when she should have been in bed nursing a sprained knee and ankle!

25X1X6 4. Exploitation of two [REDACTED] sources, [REDACTED] specialist, and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has been covered in separate memoranda. ORR's detailed requirements on [REDACTED] have been received and will be turned over to [REDACTED] 25X1A6a for processing. A separate report on [REDACTED] problems in relation to ORR's needs is in the preparatory stage.

25X1A6a 5. No progress on the two cases of inducement mentioned in Paragraph 5 of my last progress report has been made. [REDACTED] promptly investigated the case of [REDACTED] but discovered that he had left Germany and [REDACTED] which somewhat reduces the possibilities of his inducement. In regard to the Sovzone synthetic fuel engineer and your cable requesting further information, I wrote a memo to [REDACTED] on 26 February 25X1A9a asking him to try to get this data for us. When I next took up the matter with [REDACTED] on 24 March, he advised me that he had not yet written the memo asking for additional information but promised that he would do so within a few days.

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6. [redacted] resigned his position with Army Special Services and was placed on the [redacted] payroll this week. He is working under my supervision preparing reports on a few subjects which had not been covered earlier; answering [redacted] questions which I culled from the NIE-33 study on Czechoslovakia; and preparing annotated reports on economic subjects gleaned from Czech newspapers and radio broadcasts. [redacted] has assigned one of its 25X1A6a interrogators to assist me with this project.

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8. One book [redacted] which drew our attention was a publication of the Akademiya Nauk, Insitut Ekonomiki, entitled KOMPLEKSNOE NARDNOKHOZYAISTVENNOE ISPOL'ZOVANIE VODNYKH RESURSOV DONBASSA (Complex Economic Utilization of the Water Resources of the Don Basin), Kiev, 1940. The book contains charts and statistical tables on water resources as well as production figures for various commodities for the Donbass region. If this book is not available in CIA or the Library of Congress, please advise me and I will ask [redacted] 25X1A9a to microfilm it for us.

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9. The early Soviet economic literature at the [redacted] should be of great interest to scholars doing research in Soviet economics, to the extent that these works are not available in the U. S. I should think that [redacted] if it does not already have such an arrangement, 25X1A ought to obtain a list of the Russian language holdings [redacted] This matter might be followed up by CIA Library with [redacted] 25X1A Meanwhile I will try to find out more about such arrangements from the people [redacted] concerned with German libraries. 25X1A

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10. In our progress report of 27 November, 1951, we mentioned that [redacted] 25X1A6a possessed a copy of Part II of Balzak, Vasiutin, and Feigin's EKONOMICHESKAYA GEOGRAFIYA SSSR, 1940. Since that date, [redacted] has microfilmed 25X1A9a the book, so that it should now be available in the CIA Library.

11. The Naval representative at [redacted] has some good contacts for procuring 25X1A6a Soviet periodicals and is currently trying to get some copies of STAL', which, I believe, is still on the Soviet restricted publication list. I have asked him to try also to obtain TSVEETNYE METALLY (Non-ferrous Metals) and NEFTYANOE KHOZYAISTVO (Petroleum Economy), which have also been on the restricted list for several years. He recently turned down an opportunity to obtain a subscription to both the weekly and monthly editions of MORSKOI FLOT, since they are available in the Library of Congress.

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Since, when I left Washington, CIA was not receiving its own copies of these journals, I am going to ask him to take advantage of any future offers of a subscription to MORSKOI FLOT. Last fall CIA Library was trying to arrange with State Department to get a larger allocation of the Soviet periodicals procured in Moscow. By this time they should have a pretty good idea of those CIA periodical requirements which will have to be filled from other sources. If they could send me such a list, we might be able to obtain a few of them. ✓

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12. On March 12th I took a MATS plane [redacted] and spent 2½ days there alternating between the [redacted] and the Soviet bookstore. At the Fair I collected what literature I could, including catalogs and nameplate data on Hungarian machine tools. From the bookstore I purchased 18 technical and economic works which should be of interest to ORR. Both Fair literature and books are being forwarded separately. The [redacted] helped me considerably by briefing me on the local ground rules and later pouching my material to [redacted]

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13. I would appreciate your advice on the extent of Geographic Division's interest in City Questionnaires. I know that other branches of ORR are interested in the locations of power plants, industrial installations, etc., contained in the CQ's but am in the dark as to any additional interests. SO has been getting CQ's from defectors but I do not know whether or not they have been disseminating them to ORR. SO has recently begun making these available [redacted] which will publish them in either memorandum or OO-X form. [redacted] is currently attempting to get [redacted] to resume its City Questionnaire exploitation program which was abandoned last year. ✓

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14. In regard to the length of my stay here, I am quite willing to return the middle of May or to stay longer, depending upon what you decide. I do feel that the contacts established are beginning to bear fruit, and that I would need an additional three to six months to develop the program in [redacted] to the point where it can be carried on by other ORR representatives. Continuity of the program is of the utmost importance, and to assure such continuity, I think I should remain here at least long enough for [redacted] to get acquainted with the work and establish his contacts.

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